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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102 www.bpu.state.nj.us

WATER AND WASTEWATER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
SOUTH JERSEY WATER SUPPLY)
COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN)
INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER)
SERVICE)

ORDER SUSPENDING INCREASES, CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS IN WATER RATES FOR SERVICE

DOCKET NO. WR03120979

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On December 8, 2003, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Petitioner, South Jersey Water Supply Company, Inc., a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities and serving approximately 1,960 water customers in Harrison Township, Gloucester County, filed a petition for a revision of its rates, amounting to an increase of approximately \$1,052,378 or 122.04% in annual revenues with rates proposed to become effective on January 7, 2004. The Petitioner also notified the Board that it will not implement the proposed rates on January 7, 2004. The Petitioner does not seek interim relief pending final determination on said petition.

It appearing that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in Petitioner's tariff, it is <u>HEREBY ORDERED</u> that:

- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are suspended until May 7, 2004, unless the Board, prior to that date, makes a determination disposing of the petition;
- (2) Petitioner shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office of Administrative Law, file with this Board and with the Office of Administrative Law (33 Washington Street, Newark, N.J. 07102) proof of compliance with the Notice provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 (b) and (c), which Notice shall include a statement that any relief found by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers on any rate or schedule as the Board may determine; and

(31 Clinton Street, P.O. Box 46005, Newark, NJ 07102), the clerks of each affected municipality, the clerks to the Boards of Chosen Freeholders of each affected county, and where appropriate, the executive officer of each affected county within its service area. Service of the petition, notice of hearings and this Suspension Order may be made simultaneously. DATED: 1/9/04 **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES** BY: (SIGNED) JEANNE M. FOX **PRESIDENT** (SIGNED) (SIGNED) FREDERICK F. BUTLER CAROL J. MURPHY COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER (SIGNED) (SIGNED) CONNIE O. HUGHES JACK ALTER COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER ATTEST:

(SIGNED)

KRISTI IZZO SECRETARY

(3) Petitioner shall, at the same time it files with this Board, also file proof of service of copies of this Order upon the Office of Administrative Law, the Division of the Ratepayer Advocate

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